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From the Publisher

The new design you see in this issue is just one indication of the transformation occurring at $Our\ Town - Salem$ that heralds big changes for the OTS team.

OUTGOING:

Sue Weber, *advertising volunteer*—Sue infused OTS with a sense of vitality that was instrumental in bringing the publication to the next level. Her tireless efforts and fastidious record-keeping have eased the transition for her replacement. The stamp of Salem pride and enthusiasm she left on each issue will remain evident long after she has settled in her new Massachusetts home.

INCOMING:

Megan Ellis, *advertising volunteer* – Megan is a Salem newcomer who moved here from North Carolina. She is a volunteer manager and instructor at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc. Her passion for non-profit causes and volunteerism is evident. She devotes many after-work hours to OTS, but welcomes a cohort with whom to share the duties as we move into our 2013 advertising push.

OUTGOING:

Kerri Salan, *layout designer* – Kerri has been responsible for the clean, attractive and readable design of OTS since 2009. She is an absolute pleasure to work with. We wish Kerri the best in her new role as vice president of NALAS Engineering Services, Inc. The NALAS team is lucky to have her!

INCOMING:

Agnes Miyuki, *layout designer* – Agnes heeded the call for a new layout designer immediately upon seeing the ad on the cover of our July issue. Her experience as the art director for an international lifestyle magazine more than qualifies her for this role. We are thrilled that she is willing to share her talents and enthusiasm with us. Agnes has been a Salem resident for almost six years.

OUTGOING:

Elizabeth C. Regan, *publisher* – Having done my best to harness the talents of the team members mentioned above, as well as those listed issue after issue in the Volunteer Staff section on the back cover and as contributors throughout, I can say that I am exceedingly proud of the publication that OTS has become. I've enjoyed getting to know Salem through its people and the vast array of experiences contained within. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help tell the story of our town.

INCOMING:

Jackie Hemond, *publisher* – Jackie brings a wealth of Salem knowledge and connections forged at the circulation desk of the library. She is donating her own time to ensure that OTS continues to fulfill its mission of enhancing the lives of Salem residents through articles that inform, encourage and celebrate. We are grateful to Jackie for taking on this sizable but fulfilling commitment.

I hope you will enjoy the latest manifestation of $Our\ Town - Salem$. Please join me in welcoming our new volunteers and sending off our retiring ones as we wish them well in their endeavors.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Regan

The Our Town – Salem staff is looking for another advertising volunteer. This person will share the responsibility of securing the advertising that supports the publication of Our Town – Salem. For more information or to volunteer for this opportunity, please contact Jackie Hemond at ourtownsalemct@gmail.com.



News and Notes from . . .

Read about what's new in Salem and learn how to become more involved in shaping the town's future



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

Our world renowned New England Autumn has returned. I hope you and your families are enjoying the many festivities of the season.

Let's review what has been going on in our town.

Four Corners



The Roundabout project is on schedule to be substantially complete by November. Substantial completion will include all signage, curbs, sidewalks, roadwork and the installation of a 35 foot flagpole in the center of the

roundabout. Final completion will be next spring which will include planting of shrubs in the roundabout and on the islands. Thank you all for your patience during this important safety upgrade.

Farmers Market



The Salem Farmers Market enjoyed a successful first year with many farm and food venders. We are thankful for all the donated talent that added a festive community feel to our Farmers Market. We look forward to next year and welcome your suggestions. Feel free to email me at Kevin.Lyden@salemct.gov.

Pavilion-Community Park



The new pavilion has been used weekly by the Farmers Market, as well as town clubs and other town organizations. The Pavilion is available to rent at a nominal fee by residents. Please go to: http://www.salemct.gov/Pages/SalemCT_

WebDocs/forms or contact Sue Spang at 860-859-3873 X 100.

Annual Audit



The Town is in good financial shape. Our Annual Audit of 2011/2012 is nearing completion. Preliminary estimates show the General Government returning over \$235,000 to the town's General Fund, with the school returning nearly \$130,000.

A special thanks to all departments for their fine stewardship of our residents' money.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to make our town of Salem a better place to live.

Enjoy the season. I hope to see you at the Book Sale and Apple Festival.

I am honored to be your First Selectman.

Respectfully,





he Town of Salem is fortunate to have so many volunteers. Without them, the quality of life we enjoy and sometimes take for granted would not be as rich, without them, our safety and well-being would not be as secure, and without them, our children would not be as well-rounded. For these and so many other reasons every few years we, as a town, come together to honor specific volunteers. We ask our town organizations and our community to help us identify those among us who quietly serve our town and give back to the community.

In the past we have honored a wide variety of people, from a woman who for years tended the flowers in front of the monuments on the town green honoring our war dead, to firefighters who risk their lives to save yours. These are your neighbors and friends, whom we all depend on to serve Salem and make it the town we love and enjoy living in. The Unsung Hero's Committee is looking for your assistance. Please help us identify these volunteers and come celebrate their accomplishments.

To nominate a volunteer for The Unsung Hero's Award, contact the Committee through Sue Spang, 860-859-2048. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the celebration in January of 2013.





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TALK OF THE TOWN

Residents share their stories in columns related to various aspects of Salem life

oseph Onofrio II, the new Salem School Superintendent, believes that educators and students get two New Year's Days each year: the traditional holiday in January, and a second new year, which is the first day of school. In the new year, people survey the past and start afresh with an eve to the future. Onofrio surveyed his past, found he wanted to continue as a superintendent of schools, but needed to achieve a better balance in his life.

The three-day per week superintendent of schools position in Salem was a perfect fit.

With Onofrio occupying Salem School's top office, the town gets a leader with a "wealth of experience... an especially strong focus on building school culture and academic excellence...[and] the vision and skill required to lead the Salem School District forward in a time of shrinking enrollment and continued economic uncertainty." This is a quote that appeared in The Day newspaper from Steve Buck, Chairman of the Salem Education Board.

Onofrio's wealth of experience includes his stint as a Superintendent of Schools in Old Saybrook, a position he obtained in 2006. Other positions he held during his forty-three years in the educational field were band director, English teacher, reading director, guidance counselor, family therapist, and director of pupil and professional services. He also worked as an automobile mechanic while a college student and for a while upon graduation. Truly, he has had a versatile work experience.

Onofrio officially started as Superintendent on September 1, but he worked with interim superintendent H. Kaye Griffin and the school leadership team over the summer to ease the transition. Onofrio said he feels very comfortable after the warm welcome he received by the teachers and staff.

According to Onofrio, the Connecticut school systems are on the brink of exciting developments. Governor Dannel Malloy made education reform his top priority this year, and the Legislature approved a sweeping reform package. Included in the package is supporting the initiative called the Common Core of State Standards. In recent years, students are assessed by the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) tests. In the next two years, a new assessment plan, the Smarter Balanced Assessment, will be unveiled,



which will more clearly measure core concepts and critical thinking skills of students. To assess their knowledge, students will be taking tests online. The law also includes a provision for a new teacher evaluation system that will be developed in the state in the coming year, with Bridgeport as one of the pilot districts.

In the more distant future, Onofrio envisions longer days and extended school years, when knowledge and study skills are

not disrupted by a break in studies. The full-day kindergarten started this year in Salem is a trend in this direction.

Ideas for Salem's future include training digital skills at an early age and continuing to strengthen STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. More immediately, Salem plans to hire a Director of Student Personnel Services who will direct the activities of a team of professionals who guide special needs children through the school system. Salem School will also continue to foster a positive school climate grounded in civility (anti-bullying). Onofrio will guide the school building project, which is slated to commence soon and continue for 18 to 24 months.

On a personal level, Onofrio lives in Old Saybrook, a short 18-mile trip to Salem. An avid reader, he keeps up his reading by listening to audio books on his commute. He corresponds with his favorite authors, having met with Joyce Maynard, Elizabeth Berg, Jonathan Trooper, and others. He likes to kayak and enjoys listening to music. He served as percussionist for the Ivoryton Playhouse for many years. He has two sons: one is a social worker in Norfolk, VA, the other lives in San Diego and is a communications technologist.

Onofrio graduated from the University of Bridgeport and Southern Connecticut State University and received his superintendent certification from Southern Connecticut State University.

A quote from Onofrio neatly sums up his action plan:

"Hold on to the best of the past.

Let go of the challenges of the past.

Live in the moment and embrace the future."

This is Jackie Hemond's fifth summer as director of the Salem Free Public Library. On her commute to Salem from Ledyard, where she lives with her daughter, Amy, husband, David, and three cats (her son Eric is at Evergreen State College in Washington state), she listens to audiohooks. Life is sweet.

SALEM'S BOOKS-A-MILLION

by Anne Rowthorn



Gloria Fogarty, Judy Rabe, Jane Wellbrock and Bobbie Ziegra were sorting books at lightning speed.

ell, maybe not a million, but every year the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library offer nearly 24,000 used books for sale the last weekend of October. Fiction, travel, history, art, poetry, psychology, philosophy, foreign languages, nature and the environment, self-help, religion, cookbooks, DVDs, languages courses, encyclopedias, tech handbooks, author-signed and first edition books are all on sale once a year at the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale. This year the sale will be Friday evening, October 26 and all day Saturday, October 27 at the Salem School.

Book lovers get huge bargains with all paperbacks selling for \$.50 and hard-covered books for \$1.50. Most of the books are in good condition; some are new. During the last hour of the sale on Saturday afternoon, \$5.00 buys as many books that you can fit into a paper supermarket shopping bag.

Used books are donated at collection boxes outside the library, and Norman Rabe goes all over the area gathering truck-sized donations. Most of the thousand or so boxes that hold the sorted books come from liquor stores; beer and wine boxes are especially useful. A Salem resident with eleven dogs regularly donates empty dog food boxes.

Every day of the year the Friends are preparing for the next used book sale. Four days each week, George Ziegra and Norman Rabe do a preliminary sorting of donated books into two categories: books that will sell and those that won't. Norm has been sorting for 12 years, George started when he retired 7 years ago.

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Non-fiction books are then taken to the old library where more volunteers sort them into categories. On a recent visit to the small white building next to Salem School, Gloria Fogarty, Judy Rabe, Jane Wellbrock and Bobbie Ziegra were sorting at lightning speed. Sandy Teixeira, past president of the Friends, is usually with them. They started in June and meet three mornings a week. Each time they sort books into 16 to 30 boxes. Non-fiction books are sorted at the old library and fiction at the Rabes' house. Children's books are sorted by Judy Rabe with help from the MOMS Club of Salem.

The sorted books are stored in various garages and basements around town until Book Sale Day. This is truly a community event and nearer the day the tempo dramatically picks up. On Friday afternoon the multipurpose room at the School becomes available at 3:00 and between then and 6:00 p.m. it is transformed into a giant book bazaar. Friends of the Library, library staff and volunteers, Scout troops, Lions Club members, Leos (high school Lions), and anyone available with a strong back is pressed into service. They move in quickly to assemble tables lent by the Gardner Lake and Bozrah fire companies and the school, as well as those rented at reduced cost from the Coast Guard Academy. They deftly arrange all the books and label all the sections. Cashiers, book checkers, and refreshment providers move into place as the line outside the room builds.

The first to arrive at the sale are book dealers who come from all over the Northeast and as far away as New York and Virginia. One of the first to arrive is the "Cookbook Man." No one seems to know his name or where he comes from, but he is usually first in line. The Friends give the dealers a hearty welcome

and provide them with free snacks and coffee while they wait. In order to be admitted to the sale at 6:00, one hour before the official opening at 7:00, book dealers and anyone else who wants to enter early must be members of the Friends of the Salem Free Public Library. They can join on the spot.



George Ziegra and Norman Rabe sort thousands of donated books for the Friends of the Library's Annual Book Sale

When the countdown reaches 6:00 exactly, the doors are opened and the sale begins. Judy Rabe commented, "It's kind of like the stampede of the bulls." The dealers race in, quickly go to their sections of interest and haul off books by the dozen and hundreds. They can be seen against the wall hovering over their stacks and checking Internet prices for resale.

At 7:00 anyone can enter the sale and there is still plenty of choice. By Saturday's closing, most of the books are sold, many at massively discounted prices. I bought a handsome large boxed set of Chinese art books in almost perfect condition, worth at least \$100, fitting it in my \$5.00 all-you-can-fill shopping bag.

Book lovers come to the sale to buy books and meet friends and neighbors; many come and go throughout the weekend. It is fun; it's a community event and everyone smiles.

Over the twenty years of the Friends' Annual Used Book Sale, proceeds have risen from \$2,000 to now something closer to \$8,000 to \$10,000 as the reputation of the sale has grown. Everything raised goes to support the library and its programs. The Friends sponsor library programs such as speakers, music groups, story time for children and summer reading programs. They pay for museum passes, and supplement town funds for the purchase of new books and DVDs. The Friends provide "seed money" for new and innovative program ideas; and they raise the community's awareness of how the library enriches the quality of life in Salem by reaching out to groups such as seniors and Salem School teachers and working with various groups in town. They also helped launch the Salem Community Garden four years ago.

Preparation for next year begins the day after the current sale closes. It is backbreaking work and very time-consuming. The core volunteers would love to have more help. If you can spare a few hours, please let them know. If you would like to get into this year's sale early you may join the Friends either at the library or on line (www.salemct.gov/pages/SalemCT_Library/Friends).

When the volunteers were asked why they do it, as if on cue they all replied, "We enjoy it. It all benefits the library, and we all love the library."

And so do we all!

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LITTER-DERIVED CULTURAL SPECULATIONS

by Peter Sielman

ver the past decade there has been a subtle change in the character of the litter that I have collected on West Road - one half mile both north and south of my house. The quantity of litter has not diminished but the detailed makeup of what people choose to jettison (or allow to blow off pickup trucks on the way to the Transfer Station) on West Road points to evolving cultural influences.

I do not know who the litterers are, but for ease of categorization I have dubbed the repetitive contributors with descriptive names. These include "The Bourbon Boozer," "The Marlboro Man," "The Budweiser Boys," "The Tidy Guzzlers" and "The Fast Fooders."

"The Bourbon Boozer" appears to be an individual of steady habits. He deposits a hip-flask sized empty bottle of Jack Daniels every weekend during the colder months of the year - always on the west side of West Road. Unless he possesses a really good hook shot, my guess is that he is heading north on his way home. It used to be that the bottles were bare, not wrapped. But now, the bottle is always in its paper wrapper. Is he being influenced by some law about driving with open liquor bottles in the car? What concerns me about this litterer are not only the refuse factor (and not recycling!) but also the realization that a driver who has just downed a sizable quantity of bourbon is driving a car on my residential road!

"The Marlboro Man" distributes empty boxes on both sides of the road; but now there are fewer of them per month. Is the anti-smoking campaign having a small effect on him? A related sign is that there are more chewing tobacco tins now than there used to be. However, these have a clear warning on them that: this product is not a safe substitute for cigarettes!

"The Budweiser Boys" (not all of them discard Budweiser cans - but it is the clear favorite) have been switching from just plain 'Bud' to 'Bud Light.' Is the national anti-obesity campaign having an effect on these defilers of our roads? Are they aiming at smaller beer bellies? The related group, "The Tidy Guzzlers," has earned its name because, instead of casting their empties randomly on West Road, the Guzzlers leave an empty six pack of bottles and its associated cardboard carrier in a single location on the east side of the road. They are relatively new to littering and bespeak an upbringing that emphasized concern for the maid. It isn't easier for the up-picker (the bottles are heavier than cans) but it does provide the up-picker with a handy carrying case.

"The Fast Fooders" toss empty coffee cups, sandwich wrappers, soda cans and soiled napkins on our road. Over the past decade the quantity of this type of litter has increased markedly. Is the increase of nearby fast-food outlets a contributing factor? Have the dietary habits of West Road commuters evolved to encompass a greater intake of fast food?

My training is in Math and Political Science, obviously not in Sociology. But it seems to me that trained professionals could derive useful cultural trends by careful analysis of both the quantity and makeup of the litter deposited on our roadways. If they were particularly industrious and persistent they might reduce the amount of litter that Salem's Adopt-A-Road volunteers have to collect. Since this is an unlikely occurrence, I will offer an unspecified munificent prize* to an Our Town-Salem reader who comes up with an effective campaign that makes a significant dent on drivers of Salem's roads by causing them to recycle rather than litter.

Peter Sielman is a retired engineer/public official who walks his beagle on West Road. He is one of several volunteers responsible for Salem's virtual town meeting and is a passionate supporter of the efforts to complete Route 11.

*Disclaimer: The unspecified munificent prize reflects the author's own generosity and not that of *Our Town – Salem*.

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SALEM'S TOP TENTREASURES

By Elizabeth C. Regan

Top Ten Treasures is a regular feature of Our Town - Salem designed to elicit the unique perspectives of various residents.

Please consider submitting your own
Top Ten list to ourtownsalemct@gmail.com.

10 GARDNER LAKE STATE PARK

This one would be a lot higher up on my list if I had a boat. As it is, I have two small children who love to play on either side of the water line during the summer and ride their bikes along the parking lot turn-around during off season. Could the beach be sandier? Sure. Could the swimming area be more expansive? Of course. But the proximity is perfect and the price is right.

9 BINGHAM CAMP

The Japanese-inspired summer home, built at the turn of the twentieth century, sits on the understated side of resplendence as it overlooks Salem and its lush push toward the Long Island Sound. I've had the privilege of visiting on several occasions with a representative of one of the more recent generations of the family. On the deck of the main house, one can imagine sitting with a cup of coffee in hand and finding the mix of inspiration and solace needed to change the world outside: discovering, or rediscovering, lost civilizations; leading imperiled people to safety; defying naysayers in support of rights that might otherwise be taken away; and finding—eventually or finally—one's path in life. At the Bingham Camp, it's easy to feel like one could do any of these things, or all of them, if one were so inclined.

Photo courtesy of the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Despite the sticky notes I employ with gleeful irony that feature a retro female alongside the words "Stop me before I volunteer again," I support the small-town accessibility that allows residents to ingratiate themselves in all aspects of Salem life. As the publisher of *Our Town – Salem*, I have been able to help celebrate the women, men and children of Salem as they go about making this place a unique community in which to live.

DUNKIN' DUNKIN' DONUTS

A solid, well-executed mom and pop coffee shop would be my preference, but given the lack of such establishments in the area, I'll take my skim-milk-one-sugar iced coffee from Dunkin Donuts any day. For me, coffee is sacred space in a cup. The frazzled look I take on in the absence of my morning coffee doesn't come from a lack of caffeine, but from a missed opportunity to sit back, for a few centered moments, and sip. Gertrude Stein put her own relationship with coffee this way: "It gives you time, but not actual hours or minutes, but a chance to be, like be yourself."

6 THE ROUNDABOUT

I know a lot of people will disagree, but I am embracing the roundabout as an improvement in efficiency and safety at the site of our town's main thoroughfare. With only half a decade of residency in Salem, I have not had time to become too caught up in the whole "Four Corners" nostalgia. Corners, in my opinion, are overrated. Everyone has corners. We do things a little differently around here.

SALEM VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING

The opportunity to participate in town meetings from anywhere one can secure an Internet connection is a technological advance of which surprisingly few communities are taking advantage. I'm proud to be part of a town that encourages its volunteers to innovate in the name of enhanced involvement in democratic process. It's easy to blame an increasingly remote way of life for civilization's downfall, but I look at it more as a chance to rise up. Watching a town meeting unfold on a computer in my kitchen while I make dinner for my children makes it more apparent than ever that change truly can start at home.

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THINGS TO DO IN SALEM

By Edyta Wolk

o you live in Salem? Do you like fun events and traditions? Do you like spending time with your friends, family, and neighbors? If so, you'll enjoy this article! Salem's annual events, such as the Apple Festival, Salem Memorial Day Parade, and Salem Road Race 5K, are a big part of what makes Salem what it is: a fun, family friendly environment!

SALEM APPLE FESTIVAL



The Salem Apple Festival takes place every year on the last Saturday of October. It is a day full of apple treats - apple pies, apple crisps, apple pancakes, apple muffins, hot dogs with apple

sauerkraut, apple fritters, and more. It was started in 1969 as a way to pay off the Congregational Church of Salem's mortgage. Today, proceeds still go towards the church.

SALEM MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The Salem Memorial Day Parade takes place every year on (you guessed it!) Memorial Day. People are invited to march in it. There is also a Memorial Day Pre-Parade Breakfast.

SALEM ROAD RACE



The Salem Road Race takes place in the spring. People come and run a 5K course that is closed to traffic. The path is full of hills and goes onto

Routes 82 and 85, Music Vale Road, and Clark Lane. After the race, there is an awards ceremony followed by refreshments. T-shirts are regularly given out or sold. The event is organized by the Salem Lions Club; this is also where the proceeds go. This year's race took place April 14 and was the 19th annual Road Race.

Edyta Wolk is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Sacred Heart School. Her hobbies are singing, acting, playing the bass guitar, crafts, and, of course, writing.



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"Autumn is Apple Festival time in Salem"

http://www.theday.com/article/20111010/ NWS01/310109952/1017

"Events in Salem"

http://www.theday.com/ events&citySearch=1&E_Citytown=Salem



"The 19th Annual Salem Road Race" http://www.salemctroadrace.org/index.html

wo hundred and twenty-five years ago, on September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Constitution has been called the most important document in American history.

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION: THE CONNECTICUT CONNECTION Connecticut was one of the original thirteen colonies that sent delegates to write

WHAT DID CONNECTICUT HAVE TO DO WITH THE CONSTITUTION?

Connecticut was one of the original a new framework for our government.

By Paul Robillard Connecticut delegates to the Constitutional

Convention were Roger Sherman, Oliver Ellsworth and William Samuel Johnson.

Roger Sherman is well-known in New Haven, with Sherman Avenue named after him. In the 1950s – 1960s, there was the Roger Sherman Theater on Church Street in New Haven.

Prior to the Constitutional Convention, Roger Sherman was a member of the committees that drafted the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation.

A major issue of the Constitutional Convention was how states should be represented in the new government. Should each state have equal representation, that is, an equal number of representatives or proportional representation where the number of representatives would be based on the population of each state?

Alexander Hamilton and James Madison argued for proportional representation which would reduce the influence of small states. Small states wanted equal representation. And Sherman was one of the most vocal and constant supporters of states' rights.

Sherman worked with Oliver Ellsworth to meld the "Virginia Plan," the large states' plan, and the "New Jersey Plan," the small state plan, resulting in the "Connecticut Compromise." The "Connecticut Compromise" became the "Great Compromise of 1787" and created one House of Congress, with proportional representation, and the Senate, with two seats for each state. Of all the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, Roger Sherman was the only delegate

and wound up in a tree to get away from him. Life wasn't easy in other ways for Sylvia, who

had to share half the house with Lena, in an uneasy partnership, according to Sylvia's son

Arthur. But Lena paid Leo \$50 a month to help run the farm, and he also worked at Willows

Garage to help make ends meet. Leo and Sylvia had three children,

Brenda, Arthur and Eugene, and Leo served as a Selectman and also a

constable for the town. Eventually, Sylvia became the Town Clerk in

Salem, and her office was in her house on Forsyth Road for many years.

and bring them to the farm for the parts, which was the start of Leo's

Auto Parts. Licensed in 1946 as a salvage yard, Leo got out of the

farming business entirely and concentrated on what would become

Leo Winakor & Sons Auto Parts. The barn that stood on the farm was

dismantled, and the wood was donated to a Jehovah's Witness church,

which is still there on Rt. 163, to be used for siding. Of Leo's two sons,

Arthur stayed on to assist in the auto parts business after Leo died in

1973. Arthur continued to operate the business along with his brother-

in-law, Rick Holmwood. The garage itself was taken down and rebuilt

in Lebanon in 2007, when Arthur decided to ask the town to approve a

subdivision on part of the land. Because the Winakors didn't leave gas

and other fluids in the cars they stored on the property, the process for

approval of the land for building residential property didn't take more

than a few months. Arthur hired a geoscientist to assist in the approval

At Willows Garage, Leo would buy the cars that weren't repairable,

that signed the Articles of Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the United States Constitution.

Ellsworth served on the Committee of Five that wrote the first draft of the Constitution. During the deliberations on the "Great Compromise" he proposed an amendment to a resolution to change the word "national" used to describe the government to the "United States" and the term United States is still used today.

Oliver Ellsworth also served as one of the first Connecticut Senators from 1789 to 1796. After he left the Senate, in 1796, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Daughters of the American Revolution maintains the Oliver Ellsworth Homestead Museum at 778 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. It can be visited from May through October.

The third delegate to the Convention was William Samuel Johnson who served and chaired the five member Committee of Style. This committee wrote the final form of the Constitution. Johnson was influential and highly regarded by his contemporaries. Catherine Drinker Bowen, author of Miracle of Philadelphia, wrote that Johnson was "the perfect man to preside over these masters of argument and political strategy [i.e. fellow committee members Alexander Hamilton, Gouverneur Morris, James Madison, and Rufus King ..."

The Vermont Republic, now State of Vermont, granted Johnson land, known as the King's College Tract, in recognition of his actions representing Vermont and small states at the Convention. The tract of land became a town now known as Johnson, Vermont.

So, the small state of Connecticut had a big part to play in the forming our country and now you know the Connecticut Connection.

Paul Robillard is a twelve year resident of Salem. Recently retired after over 25 years in banking, Paul managed bank branches, worked as a commercial lender and business development officer, and worked in marketing and financial product development. He also owned and operated a marketing research firm, Presently, he is the co-vice chairman of the Republican Town Committee and the chairman of Salem's American Heritage Day -

anywhere, families that can boast multiple generations living in the same town - even the same land - are few and far between. The Winakor family is one of those families,

Lena Winakor borrowed the money to buy the house, which is still in existence today, but

has been moved and restored on land in Hamburg Cove, Lyme, Connecticut. In 1939, Leo

and Sylvia Winakor were married when Sylvia was only 17 years old. A city girl herself,

when she first moved to the farm she famously tried to make friends with one of the bulls,

reach No Person shall be a Representative

and their story has some unexpected twists and turns since they first came to Salem in 1899.

sellon. I. shall have Lucy

Oasias and Hannah Winakor arrived in New York City from Russia in 1891. They had six children: Morris, Sam, Sadie, Moe, Joe, and Tilley. By 1899 they purchased a 192-acre parcel of land in Salem on Forsyth Road for \$850. The family farmed the land, growing corn among other things. But life on the farm apparently didn't agree with their daughter, and Sadie secretly ran away to marry her true love, a man in New York City. Oasias took her departure so badly that he committed suicide on July 4, 1904. Sadie never came back to Salem and never saw or spoke to her family again.

After Oasias' death, Hannah decided to return to her relatives in New York, and the land went into probate. Sadie wasn't the only one to decide that life on a farm in Salem wasn't her cup of tea: brother Moe married and moved back to New York and drove a cab, while youngest brother, Joe, played for the New York Symphony as a grownup. But Oasias' son Sam, with his wife, Lena, bought the land and took over the farm. Sam Winakor was very musical, and played all over this part of the country at weddings and other events, so in fact it was his

wife Lena and eventually their children who did the farming, because Sam was away so much of the time. Sam and Lena had

SALEM HISTORY: process to test the soil. The soil test showed no contamination.

Much of the land that Oasias and Hannah bought in 1899

over the farm as an adult and in fact

never left until his death in 1973.

five children - Goldie, Eva, Irene, Sid, and Leo. It was Leo who took

THE WINAKOR FAMILY IN SALEM is now what is known as Forsyth Estates, a 22-lot subdivision for

by Liz Householder

single-family homes. Sylvia and some of her descendants, including

The house the Winakors lived in was originally built in the 1700s as a tavern. Sam and Arthur, Brenda, and one of Arthur's sons, still live in Salem and on Winakor land, which gives the Winakor family one of the longest chains of occupation of any family in Salem.

> Liz Householder and her family have lived in Salem for 13 years. She is a past member of the Library Board as well as a real estate agent with a keen interest in local history.



ROUNDABOUT ETIQUETTE

Slow down. The speed limit in many roundabouts is 15 mph. Even if the posted limit is higher it is a good idea to drive slowly to be on the lookout out for pedestrians, bicycles, and turning cars.

2 Yield. You must yield to the traffic already in the roundabout. You also need to yield to pedestrians crossing the road. All cars must yield to large buses and trucks since they need more room to maneuver turns safely. As always, everyone has to yield to emergency vehicles.

3 Choose your lane. You should know which lane you need to be in before entering the roundabout. If you plan on exiting within the first half of the roundabout use the right hand lane. If you plan on exiting further along the roundabout use the left hand lane and merge to the right hand lane before you exit.

4 Don't pass. Do not pass other vehicles after you have entered the roundabout. Drive a steady,

5 Do not stop in the roundabout. Once you are in the roundabout you have the right of way to all incoming traffic, except emergency vehicles. Do not stop to let non-emergency vehicles on the roundabout as this will create a traffic jam that roundabouts were created to avoid

(a) Enter and exit on the right. Traffic flows in a counterclockwise rotation with no traffic exiting in the middle

1 Use your signals. Always signal when exiting. Remember to yield to pedestrians when exiting the roundabout.

3 Don't worry if you miss your exit. Problems occur when drivers realize that they are about to miss their exit and try to cut across traffic to leave the roundabout. If you miss your exit just go around again and then exit safely.

Excerpted from http://www.helium.com/items/644569-driving-etiquette-tips-for-roundabouts. Written by

CONNECTICUT **STAY-CATIONS YIELD EDU-CATIONS**

By Sen. Andrea L. Stillman, 20th District

he end of summer each year signals the close of the traditional vacation season, but in southeastern Connecticut ample opportunity remains throughout the fall for spontaneous 'day tripping' to some of our state's most compelling historic, cultural, and tourist attractions. Recently I was so pleased to see referrals to many of these local sites on a list of Connecticut's Cultural Treasures, as compiled by the state Commission on Culture and Tourism (CCT).

Fully one dozen of these are — or will be — the subject of special video vignettes to be broadcast as a public service on CPTV and made available through a host of downloadable and social media outlets. This marketing outreach initiative is a function of the CCT, itself a division of the state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

According to the DECD, "The point is to grow Connecticut's tourism economy while deepening the awareness of and appreciation for the cultural resources that make the Connecticut experience distinctive, for residents and visiting friends and relatives."

Even as the CCT identifies a half-dozen categories in which these destinations are listed, from art galleries and performance halls to historic landmarks and

science museums, it is a point of pride to see our region represented in each category. Again, to quote from the DECD: "The result (is) an expanding collection of culture-based stories that enliven our appreciation of our cultural environment and



Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme

help us understand what we have to show and tell and why it matters." In the realm of the fine arts, any other part of Connecticut would be hardpressed to compete with the nearby presence of so many world-class sites: the Lyman-Allyn Museum in New London, the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, the Slater Memorial Museum in Norwich, and New London's Garde

Likewise, in terms of historic districts and landmarks, southeastern Connecticut is internationally renowned for the Mystic Seaport, Stonington Village, and the site of a significant Revolutionary War faceoff, Groton Heights and Battlefield Historic Park, I shudder to think that Benedict Arnold, who was born in Norwich and had defected to become a British General by then, was leading his troops in a fight against American Continental Army forces right here in our backyard.



Arts Center.

New London's Cedar Grove Cemetery

In terms of science, technology, and natural history, two regional attractions rank among the state's premier destinations. The Mystic Aquarium helps us understand intricacies of the sea just offshore, which in turn helps us understand our maritime heritage and what must be done going forward to preserve that nautical environment. On one of the neighboring reservations, the Mashantucket Pequot Museum provides excellent insight

into the lives and culture of our area's original inhabitants.

Three separate local sites – one in New London, one in Norwich, and one in Groton – piqued my curiosity the most. Listed under Burying Grounds, Cemeteries, and Parks, it turns out a wealth of local and state history is available to us in these least likely places. For instance, New London's Cedar Grove Cemetery is the final resting place for more than a dozen members of Congress, a Connecticut governor, and a Major General of the Civil War's *Confederate* Army.

It seems efforts to promote Connecticut stay-cations can yield most useful and interesting edu-cations as well.

Andrea Stillman represents the 20th Senatorial District, which includes New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem and Montville.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE ECOLOGICALLY-MINDED

By Diba Khan-Bureau

We have all heard the saying "it is never too late to go back to school." We are forever learning. Some of you may be interested in learning about sustainable landcare and landscapes! Well, there is a program being offered at Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) in Norwich called Sustainable Landscape Ecology (SLE). This certificate teaches the student about soils ecology and sustainable lawns, gardens, and landscapes. It also has a GIS component and you will learn about rain gardens, the benefit of wetlands and more. This certificate allows you to test for NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association and Organic Landcare) certification too. TRCC and NOFA signed an agreement that allows those students who take the classes in the SLE and receives their certificate can sit for the NOFA test (a 5 day intensive accreditation course) at no additional cost (usually \$500).

So if you are a person who enjoys working in the vegetable or flower garden or who wants to learn about how to manage their lawn in a sustainable and healthy manner please consider this option. Whether you are a serious gardener or one who just enjoys being outdoors this certificate may be for you!

If you are interested please contact Diba Khan-Bureau at 860-885-2383. Visit the NOFA site at http://www.organiclandcare.net/ and/or the TRCC site at www.trcc.commnet.edu.

SALEM'S TOP TEN TREASURES

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RURAL CHARACTER

In Salem, you can live off the beaten path, even if you live on it. Long driveways are a hallmark of rural locales that I never knew growing up in the suburbs. My experience is founded on tight-fitting neighborhoods with easy-to-mow front yards. Here, houses are hidden from view by trees that sway dangerously under the load of summer hurricanes and late October snowstorms. It's this sense of privacy that lured my family to Salem. On any given road, you can drive by dozens of houses and not realize you're missing anything. If you're like me, you can even bypass your own driveway before discovering that you need to turn back.

THE MOTHER NETWORK

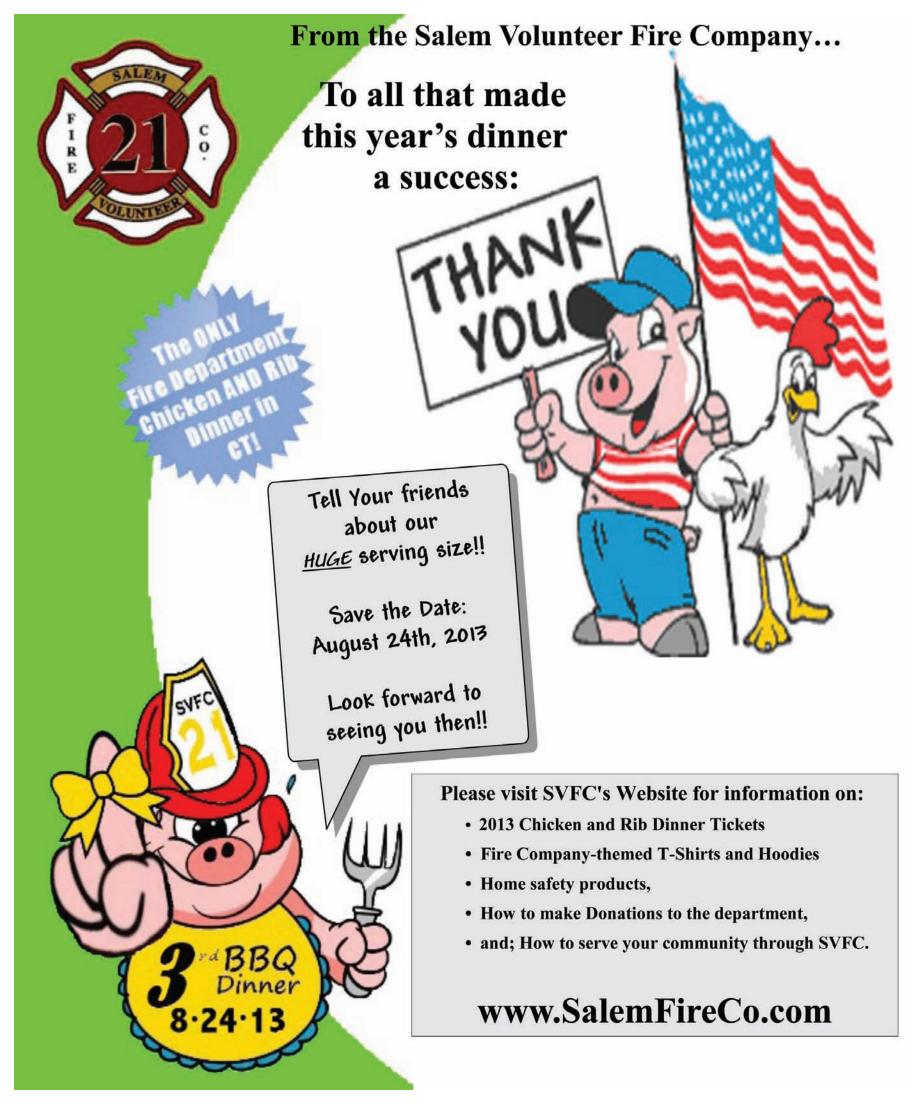
I arrived in Salem five years ago with one child and another on the way. I quickly found a group of women at a similar time and place in their lives. From playgroups to Moms' Nights Out, my role as a mother became a more well-rounded and fulfilling one. My children, in turn, gained friendships that will continue to grow through the years.

PROVIDER FARM

One of Salem's new Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms has helped me branch out from my stunted, processed roots to provide healthy fare for my family. It was here that I met mustard greens for the first time and asked them, as I stood before a wooden basket overflowing with spicy greens, "Where have you been all my life?"

SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

I have always had a love/hate relationship with libraries. That is, I love books, but I hate being told to be quiet. Salem's head librarian, Jackie Hemond, turns this dichotomy on its head by parading around town (literally) as the "Shushing Librarian," caricaturing old notions about what a library should be. In Salem, children are encouraged to be children. Patrons are encouraged to utilize every resource available. Seniors are encouraged to be active. If you feel the same way, I encourage you to make some noise about the Salem library. They won't mind if you do.





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lthough the legislature won't be in session again until January, there is still plenty of work to do in the interim. For instance, I am busy researching issues for legislation I am considering introducing during the next session and assisting constituents who have questions or need help navigating their way around state government. One such constituent issue I have been heavily involved with in Salem concerns

the management of Gardner Lake by the Department of Energy and Environmental Proteccouple of years ago representatives of the Gardner Lake Authority asked me to attend one of their meetings. At that meeting, many concerns were raised. Shortly thereafter, a group of citizens banded together to press for action on these concerns. That group has become known as The Friends of Gardner Lake.

Some of the concerns expressed include the limited area designated for swimming, use of the park outside of permitted hours, parking overflow, litter, lack of lifeguards and insufficient enforcement. Over the past many months, I, along with other area legislators, have continued to work closely with the Friends, advocating on their behalf and acting as a liaison with DEEP officials. The group has more recently narrowed its focus to a few key issues that will be reduced to writing so that legislators and First Selectman Kevin Lyden can seek action on the proposed changes.

One particular issue on which I have focused recently has to do with the safety of swimmers who venture outside of the designated swimming area at the Gardner Lake Beach. During a meeting of the Friends back in August, one of the leaders of the group indicated that Rhode Island has a law prohibiting swimming outside of designated areas at state parks, and asked that the legislature look into adopting such a law in Connecticut. The proximity of the beach to the boat launch had been raised previously as a major safety concern for swimmers.

This is an issue that legislators could potentially address directly by proposing a bill that would create a similar law in Connecticut. So I began by asking our Office of Legislative Research (OLR) to investigate the Rhode Island law and report back to me. OLR promptly reported back that while Rhode Island does not actually have a statute in place prohibiting swimming outside of designated swim areas, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management does have a regulation to that effect that has the force of law, complete with a fine for those who would violate it.

This piqued my curiosity. Perhaps Connecticut's NAVIGATING GARDNER LAKE . . . DEEP already had a similar regulation of its own. I fol-AND STATE GOVERNMENT lowed up with OLR,

By State Rep. Ed Jutila, 37th District back with the answer.

which quickly came

In fact Section 23-4-1 of the DEEP's general regulations provides that swimming is allowed in our state parks, except where posted as prohibited by the DEEP. Violation is an infraction that can result in a \$75 fine.

At the Friends of Gardner Lake September meeting, I reported to the group on my findings. Noting that Connecticut already has a regulation in place that gives the DEEP the authority to post no swimming areas, I suggested that a new law may not be necessary. The solution may already exist in the form of the regulation. After some discussion, the group decided that we would request that DEEP use the authority granted by regulation 23-4-1 to post a sign at the beach prohibiting swimming outside of the ropes and buoys designating the swimming area.

In the end, the goal should be to ensure that the appropriate regulations are in place and properly enforced so that local residents and visitors alike can all safely enjoy their favorite activity at the lake, whether it be swimming, picnicking, fishing, boating or just relaxing.

Ed Jutila represents the 37th Assembly District, which includes Salem and East Lyme.

id you know that one in five people suffer from some type of allergy?

Allergies are an abnormal response of the immune system that occurs when the body's defenses react to a usually harmless substance in the environment, such as pollen, animal dander, or food. Almost anything can trigger an allergic reaction. Symptoms range from annoying—skin irritation, watery itchy eyes, nasal congestion, sneezing, runny nose and wheezing—to life threatening in the case of anaphylactic shock. Here are some of the most common triggers and some ways to avoid them.

DUST AND DUST MITES

Dust is the most common allergen simply because we all have so much exposure to it over our lifetime. Mites are microscopic creatures that live in house dust as well as in mattresses and pillows. Covering your mattress, pillows, and box springs with allergyproof bedding limits exposure. Washing bed linens in hot soapy water weekly or bi-weekly will kill the mites. Keep dust collecting items to a minimum. And of course, vacuuming and dusting regularly will help keep the dust and mite population down.

Pollen counts tend to be higher on dry, sunny, windy days. Outdoor exposure can be limited during this time, but this may not be reliable because pollen counts can also be influenced by a number of other factors. Keeping the windows and doors of the house and car closed as much as possible during the pollen season (with air conditioning, if necessary, on recirculating mode) can be helpful. Taking a shower after outdoor exposure can be helpful by removing pollen that is stuck to the hair and skin.

ANIMAL DANDER

Obviously if you are allergic to a specific animal then avoidance is the best practice, but many people

will opt to live with their allergic response before they will get rid of their favorite pet (myself included).

Some of the measures you can take to reduce the allergic reaction would be to create a pet free bedroom, and to wash and brush the animal regularly (best of luck if you are allergic to cats!). There are pet wipes on the market today that help pick up loose hair which carries the dander and saliva that most people react to. Many pets will tolerate being wiped down with a warm damp wipe after brushing. Using HEPA filters in your vacuum and heating and cooling system will also help.

MOLDS

Molds are found most often in moist areas such as the bathroom and basement indoors and outside in the grass, mulch and leaves, especially in the fall. Good ventilation indoors and wearing a filtered mask when raking leaves or mowing the lawn can help.

FRAGRANCES

There is some debate over whether fragrances cause an allergic reaction or are merely an irritant. Scented candles, laundry detergent, some cosmetics, and hair products can sometimes trigger a reaction.



FOOD AND INSECT BITES

Milk, nuts, shellfish and wheat are common food allergies. Bees and wasps are common insect bites. Usually the response will occur within a few minutes after eating the offending substance or being bitten. Antihistamines are recommended for minor reactions but if life threatening symptoms occur then carrying an epinephrine kit prescribed by your doctor would be essential.

MEDICATIONS AND LATEX

Reactions to medications and latex can also mimic environmental allergies and very often include rashes or hives. Management with antihistamines and future avoidance once the allergen is identified is key.

How do you know if you have allergies? Paying attention to your body and noticing what activity, season or environment triggers your symptoms. A simple blood test can help diagnose the problem. Skin testing can identify the degree of allergic response your body produces to certain allergens in your environment.

Once allergies are identified the body can be desensitized to them by giving small amounts of the allergen over a period of time. Typically this has been done by injections in an allergy doctor's office. Recently a sublingual formula has been developed which means that the allergen is given in small drops under the tongue--obviously a much less intrusive route! There are a plethora of allergy medications available over the counter. Most have some side effects. Talk to your doctor for more information.

In the meantime keep Fido out of the bedroom, batten down the hatches on high pollen count days, and keep that dust mop and vacuum handy!

For more information about allergies you can visit www.national allergy.com

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When it comes to scrapbooking, I like to think of myself as a well-intentioned but busy mom. I am desperately trying to finish my older son's "Baby's First Year" book (and my "baby" is about to be four years old), and one of these days, I really do fully intend to buy a scrapbook and actually print some photos to make my younger son's book. I foolishly thought that by only committing myself to completing one fancy, handmade photo book for each of my son's first years, there was no way I could fail to deliver. Surely I could make just one book for each boy!

However, while I'm busy with everything else that comes my way, life is marching on, and memories are happening. The boys are constantly doing important things...memorable things...like visiting their grandparents, learning to swim, eating cotton candy and snow cones on a warm summer's night, picking apples, gasping at the sight of fireworks on the Fourth of July. I'm there, always watching, and documenting these memorable times with digital photos, but somehow, those photos manage to end their life on my camera, doomed to an eternal existence as a mere file on my hard drive, never to be seen again. Until now.

Enter the best friend of busy but well-intentioned moms everywhere: the online photo book creator. Busy moms like you and I can breathe a sigh of relief thanks to this amazing feat of technology. Whenever the boys have an exciting experience I'd like them to remember forever, we use our digital photos to create a photo book for each boy to keep.

Creating a photo book is easier than you might think. There are many different photo companies that offer themed templates for photo books, allowing you to pair your favorite photos with your own text on the pages of a hardcover, bound book for a very reasonable price. After realizing how difficult it can be to find time to create a traditional scrapbook, I decided to make my older son a photo book about a typical day in his life for his 2nd birthday gift. We took pictures of him doing familiar tasks such as waking up, eating, going to the grocery store, playing in our yard, etc., and captioned them with a short narrative on each page. It quickly became a favorite nightly read aloud. We now have made a total of five photo books for the boys. After you have a collection of digital photos on your computer, the whole process of creating the book using on-line software takes under an hour from start to finish. If you search for coupons and special offers, the prices are really quite reasonable.

Another great advantage to this method over traditional scrapbooking is the ease of printing multiple identical books so each child has his or her own copy. When our younger son was born, we started including both boys in each photo book and ordering each child his own copy. I love that each of them will someday have a shelf of photo books filled with memories to share with their own children.

So keep putting those awesome summer photos to good use, and check out some of the many on-line photo book creation companies. You'll be amazed by how often your children ask to read the stories of their own lives before bed and re-live some of their favorite memories!

Sarah Bernhardson is a Salem resident and mother of two young boys. She writes a weekly column entitled "Wisdom Wednesdays" about parenting and education for the website www.CTWorking.Moms.com.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

DEDICATION TO VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT: REMEMBER VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012

Compiled by Pat Crisanti

During the last decade, the Town of Salem lost many of our town's veterans. Some paid more of a price for their patriotism than others, but they all have paid a price, which we should heartily acknowledge. From Plattsburgh, New York's *Press Republican*, "The American Revolution, the Civil War, the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and each of the Middle Eastern engagements all conjure up notions of what we owe to our veterans. The ragged troops at Valley Forge, the do-or-die invaders at Normandy Beach, the flag raisers at Iwo Jima – all are etched into the American conscience and the American history books. They are the faces of the millions of veterans who have offered all they had for sacrifices to freedom. Many died so their millions of countrymen didn't have to lose their lives or freedoms."

The Press Republican further stated, "Many more did not die. Many survived the horrors of combat and came home to return to their lives and families as if nothing had ever happened. Some came with war stories, or injuries and some kept those stories to themselves. Still others served in the services and were never exposed to warfare. They, too, deserve our gratitude. They too gave up time from their civilian pursuits to keep America strong in time of need. They all endured the separations from family, the loneliness and uncertainty of military duty. They gave their best, learning to be soldiers and sailors so they would be ready, if and when called upon. Some were obliged to serve even though it wasn't their choice to do so. But they gave up valuable time from their careers and families as America ordered. Most of those who served in the military considered it an honor to do so, and trying to avoid it would never have entered their minds. To those who did suffer the anguish and agonies of live warfare, we owe an especially profound debt, for the memories of combat can be troubling forever. It's difficult for the average person of typical sensibilities to witness and be a part of such human brutality and emerge unscathed in one way

Remember the many wars that have preserved your leisure and propagated your prosperity. Remember and thank those who have given their minds, their bodies and even their lives to allow America to become the beacon of freedom for the world. It's just America's way and Salem's way of saying thanks for giving us so much that we'll never truly be able to redeem it.

A truly grateful THANK YOU to all of you who have and are serving your country.

Pat Crisanti has been Salem's town clerk since 2002. She is state certified as a Firefighter I and Fire Police.





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Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau

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Tuesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 we're making pies and peeling apples

Wednesday, Sept 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 from 8:30 a.m. to noon we're making pies and peeling apples

Saturday, October 27 43rd Annual Apple Festival

We encourage Apple Festival attendees to bring clean winter coats and food to donate on Apple Festival Day.

All collected will be distributed by our church to the Salem Free Public Library and Care & Share.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRESS

It's a joy to bring this update since so much has occurred since the last issue of *Our Town — Salem*.

What has been accomplished since the last issue?

On the outside of the building, the driveways and an automobile guardrail were installed, and the rear parking area was completed. Hardscaping of the walkways, patios, retaining walls is nearing completion. Exterior lighting provides added visibility at night.

The interior is moving along as well with roughly 95% of the tile floors and walls completed. Doors, doorframes, windows and all trim stock were primed and painted for installation in September.



Kitchen base cabinets and formica countertops were installed along with two large center islands with crushed quartz resin work surfaces. The kitchen range hood with its intake and exhaust fans was installed. Bathroom toilets and sinks are operational. The fire protection system was inspected and approved by the Assistant Fire Marshall.

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LIONS TALES

Submitted by Lion George Ziegra

Time marches on. It seems like yesterday that I was preparing for our last article; all the events that were "Coming Events" are now history.

At the last school assembly, Lion Kevin Lyden presented the Salem Lions Annual Citizenship Awards to Joseph Andrews (6th grade) and to Lillian Whittaker (7th grade), and at 2012 graduation, the Grange Award to Colby Winakor (8th grade). Congratulations to each of you. Keep up the good work.

At our dinner meeting on June 28, the Salem Lions awarded Scholarships to Brianna Lack and Damian Gagliano. They and their parents were invited guests for the evening. Congratulations to Brianna, Damian and all students who applied for the scholarships.

Also, at our June meeting, Past District Governor Mary Krogh installed our 2012 – 2013 officers for Salem Lions:

President: Arn Weiss

Vice presidents: Skip Dickson and George Householder

Secretary:Dan HolleTreasurer:Skip StangelandMembership:Gordon Gillaspie

Many thanks for your inspiring ceremony, Mary.

June 30th was a big day and success for the Salem Lions! Our annual Giant Tag Sale was super – wonderful weather, great crowds, great buys for everyone. Thank you for your support – all proceeds help fund our upcoming civic projects. Many thanks to all Lions who provided their invaluable help to make this event such a success. (one quick note: To the man who purchased and paid for the two chairs and the three-legged bench, I still have these articles that you have not picked up. Please contact me at 859-0609!)

Our 30th Salem Lions Community Calendar has been delivered free to each residence on or before the first week of September. It contains meeting dates of Salem commissions, boards, and organizations in addition to birthdays, memorials, anniversaries, etc. Please remember to support our sponsors listed on the calendar.

Today, as I write this article, I see one sure sign of fall out my window – the first day of school. Two families: Moms, Dads and Grandparent escorting five excited young neighbors to the corner school bus stop. It's hard to tell who was more excited, the adults or kids as they waited in anticipation for the bus to appear around the corner by Getty Granite.

Our fall programs are well underway. Our Lions District 23-C Governor will visit Salem Lions at our October 25th meeting.

We will have firewood available at no charge for Salem seniors, and also for purchase by all Salem residents. Contact Lion Jim Fogarty (859-0108) or Lion Bill Martin (859-1881) for availability and delivery. Note: we also plan to have bundles of campfire wood available at Maple Shade General Store.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Super Bowl Roses Fundraiser – Treat your spouse to a dozen cut roses; they will be available prior to Super Bowl weekend. Watch for coming notices. Roses will be sold by all Salem Lions; contact any one of them to place an order.

Thank You all for supporting our projects and fundraisers; 100% of all donations and all the profits from our fundraisers are returned to our community charitable projects. Salem Lions are proud to be of service to Salem.

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SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Submitted by Jackie Hemond

POETRY AND ART RECEPTION

The pieces all fell together for the 3rd annual Art and Poetry Reception which was held at the Salem Free Public Library approximately two months ago. Last April the Friends of Salem Library sponsored a Poetry Contest, then in the summer, a Photography Contest. Combining the entries from both contests with an invitation to local artists to display their works was a natural fit – and voilà, there was a reason for a reception. Seventy-five people attended the reception enjoying the art and munching on food. Harp music was provided by Kasha Breau.

The celebration was also the culmination of a successful summer at the library. We figure that close to 2,000 books were read by participants in the Summer Reading Program. Here are the details:

Pre-K-3rd Grade: 131 Passbooks Given Out

4-6 Grade: 370 Books Read **7-12 Grade:** 149 Books Read

Adults: 41 Adults participated, 404 Books Read

Candy Guessing Games: 442 entries 32 programs with 434 people attending

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Group

Friday, October 5, 4:30-6 p.m.

It's Your Life

Workshop for Adults to Record Lives and memories with Nancy Rodgers

6 week class, participants should attend all Friday, October 12, 19, 26 November 2, 9, 16, 4-5 p.m.

\$5 fee, payable to Friends of Salem Library, Limited enrollment, Please Register

Build a Fairy House Outside

for ages 3-12 with Sharon Geer Saturday, October 13, 10:30-12 Noon

Bring in natural materials

Free, Limited enrollment, Please register

Salem Library & Friends sponsor Oral History & Children's Booth at Paugwonk Day

at Treasure Hill Farm, Salem Saturday, October 13, starts at 12:00 noon

Third Tuesday Adult Book Discussion:

Defending Jacob by William Landry Tuesday, October 16, 7:15 p.m.

Walk In, Make It, Take It Craft: Halloween Bags Saturday, October 13, 12 noon-2 p.m.

Free

Connecticut Wildlife — Cats & Bears, Oh My!

with Allen Petell, CT DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist. Mr. Petell brings pelts (have you stroked a black bear pelt?), skulls & tracks Saturday, October 20, 1 p.m.

All ages! Free, Limited enrollment, Please register

Books in the Afternoon:

We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson Thursday, October 25, 1 p.m.

Don't Throw It Away! Correct Fatal Errors in the Kitchen with Ruth R. Hartunian-Albaugh, Field Editor of *Taste of Home*

Thursday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. Free, Limited enrollment, Please register

Friends of Salem Library Book Sale

Friday, October 26: Friends shop 6-7 p.m., Others can shop 7-9 p.m. Saturday, October 27: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mini-Treats & Hand-held Sweets Demonstration & Samples with cookbook author, Abby Dodge

Saturday, November 3, 1 p.m.

Free, Limited enrollment, Please register

Janus Trio Concert — Classical Contemporary Saturday, November 3, 3:00 p.m.
Free, No registration needed

OLD HOUSES OF SALEM – A DIGITAL COLLECTION

In 1934, a small group of people began visiting every town in Connecticut to survey its "old buildings." This was a Work Projects Administration (WPA) project which



gathered information and also took photographs of the buildings. The majority of the buildings were houses, but some schools, churches, factories, and libraries were included. The survey forms and photographs were deposited in the State Archives, with additions coming in as late as 1942.

The Connecticut State Library has transcribed the forms, digitized the photographs, and is pleased



to present them online as part of the CSL Digital Collections at this link: http://cslib. cdmhost.com/ cdm/landingpage/ collection/ p4005coll7

Most of the buildings have no name or addresses. If you have more information about any of the Salem buildings, send the information to Carol Ganz, Reference Librarian, Connecticut State Library at carol.ganz@ct.gov, 860-757-6587.

SALEM LIBRARY IS DIGITALIZED TOO!

The Library has e-books and downloadable audio books, and on-line tests for all ages to help with schoolwork, practice tests for the college-bound including PSAT, SAT and career tests. The library also subscribes to Universal Class, a collection of 500 free courses for our patrons for fun and business. Check out the library's website at salemct.gov.

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What remains in order for us to get a Certificate of Occupancy (C/O)?

On the outside we will see planting beds established. A grassy lawn area abutting Route 85 will be installed. Driveway curbing will be bordered by crushed stone. Two remaining downspouts will be installed. Once complete, a certified "as built" drawing will be submitted to Salem's Zoning Enforcement Officer for approval.

On the inside we have nearly 3,000 square feet of tile laid on floors and walls needing to be grouted and sealed. Interior doors and their frames need installing along with all their hardware. Both windows and doors need trim installed throughout the building. All the bathroom partitions and handicap access hardware need to be installed. Finish plumbing of the kitchen area is pending. The kitchen range hood fire protection system will be

installed. A rear deck and stairs will be built. ADA compliant handrails will be installed on staircases. A sound system will be installed. Shelving and poles for coat hangers need to go in. Wall paint needs to be touched up in several areas. The floor for the main dining hall needs to be installed. When ready, the interior will be inspected by Salem's building inspector and town sanitarian for compliance to finished electrical, plumbing, ADA and health regulations. An informal inspection will occur mid-September to help us move toward the goal of having the Christian Community Center open for the sale of pies and baked goods at our Apple Festival on Oct. 27.

If you would like to be included on our volunteer list, please contact Pastor Tim. You will be notified of scheduled work dates and the type of work being done.

We thank all those community and Church family contributors who remain faithful to their financial commitments and look forward to finishing the project very soon! If you would like to make a new (or additional) contribution, please send your tax deductible gift (we are a 501(c)(3) organization) to the Congregational Church of Salem, 244 Hartford Road Salem, CT 06420 designating it to the CCC Building Fund.

As always, we're excited to think how this building will be used for many different community related events and programs. It will also be available to rent for private functions, including receptions, showers, birthday parties and other corporate, small business and family events requiring a large comfortable space and commercial kitchen. We look forward to a grand opening sometime in late November.



USTA'S "10 AND UNDER TENNIS" CAME TO SALEM

With the help from residents Sam and Tiffany Rindell, the Salem Recreation Commission received a grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) New England for their summer tennis programming. Salem received \$450 worth of "10 and Under Tennis" equipment to use for the program.

The courts now have blended lines painted for 36' courts and 60' courts so children will be able to play tennis.

Volunteers Sam & Tiffany ran the "10 and Under Tennis" program evenings in the month of July. The children used racquets and balls designed for the program. It was an instructional program to introduce the game of tennis to the children for them to learn by having fun!

OUTDOOR FLOOR HOCKEY

Another successful summer program run by volunteer Dan Williamson was the Outdoor Floor Hockey. Dan, a hockey player himself, wanted to introduce the game to the younger set in Salem.

The basketball courts on Round Hill Road were full of activity on Saturday mornings. With the help of other resident volunteers, approximately 30 children were given the use of sticks and balls to learn how to play hockey. Dan hopes to continue the program over the fall and winter.

MORE SUMMER SUCCESSES

Basketball Camp as well as Pick-Up Games was an additional program that was also successful. Volunteer Chris Pugliese ran the evening program with much enthusiasm to get the children excited for the game. Drills, dribbling, running and making baskets filled the evening Salem air!

Zentangles Camp was more on the quiet side, not a lot of loud noise with this program! The children that attended made the art form on canvas, mugs, lap tables and more. This fun program hopes to be a regular for Salem residents.

There was excitement in the Bronx on August 19! Under the lights, the New York Yankees played the Boston Red Sox and Salem Recreation had a full bus to attend the game! A fun trip was had by all!

The best way to find out about upcoming programs is to go to: http://www.salemct.gov/Pages/ SalemCT Recreation/index or email Diane. Weston @salemct.gov. By visiting the Web site, you can also sign up for "blasts." Find out about a program as soon as it is posted!



CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton

From 04/08/2012 to 09/4/2012 there have been 4 interments/inurnments.

Name	Location	Date Inurned/Interred
Eileen Lindborg O'Toole	IB53	06/16/2012
Delaphine Hatch	IC15	07/06/2012
Susan Ferdula	IC41	07/12/2012
Salvatore Crisanti	IF36	08/22/2012

Some friendly advice: Artificial flowers will be allowed again after October 15. Live flowers in pots and urns will wilt quickly in the hot sun if they don't receive frequent watering. Those flowers planted in the ground will last longer. Try to choose a variety requiring infrequent watering. Water is available at the hand pump in the center garden. Use the jug(s) provided to prime the pump and then leave them full for the next person. Please ensure that your plantings are located immediately to the front of each monument. Plantings on the sides and backs of monuments run the risk of being damaged during regular mowings of the cemetery. As always - shrubs/trees of any kind and oversized plants that hide/engulf the monument on a plot are prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation. Cemetery appearance is every plot owner's responsibility.

Contact the SGCA sexton, Rev. Tim Dubeau at 860-859-1925 with questions or if interested in purchasing full sized or smaller cremation plots.

Looking for a New Dentist?



If you are looking for a new dentist you can trust and don't know who to call, we are still accepting new patients here at the Colchester Dental Group. We would love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have.

Together Dr. Bernard Park, Dr. Marty Zase and Dr. Michael Babinski have shared decades of experience providing the best of dental services to the Colchester community. As professionals, they have always felt they need to continue to educate themselves so they can better educate their patients. All three dentists have advanced Fellowships or Masters from the Academy of General Dentistry and all three are members of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Dr. Zase has been Accredited in Cosmetics by the AACD and was their President (2006-2007).

The Colchester Dental group has kept up with new practices and technologies every step of the way including digital x-rays, computer imaging, true tooth colored fillings, zero sensitivity bleaching for a whiter smile, and sedation dentistry to calm you and let you snooze through your dental visit.

At the Colchester Dental Group our true purpose is to take exceptional care of our patients, reduce the anxiety of going to the dentist, keep you smiling, and most of all to help you attain and then maintain the best of oral health. We are open weekly 6 days and 2 evenings until 9. Come on in, we'll be glad to show you why we are called "The Smilemakers."

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SALEM TOWN INFORMATION www.salemct.gov

Salem Town Offices

270 Hartford Road Phone: (860) 859-3873

Office Hours: First Selectman, Town Clerk,

Assessor & Tax Collector Mon. – Wed.: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fri.: Closed for routine business

(elected officials available for urgent matters)

Salem Free Public Library

264 Hartford Road

Phone/Fax: (860) 859-1130

Hours: Mon. – Wed.: Noon to 7:30 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Fri.: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(June & July: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Salem School District

200 Hartford Road

Phone: (860) 892-1223 | Fax: (860) 859-2130

www.salemschools.org

Salem School: (860) 859-0267 **Special Education Office:** (860) 859-3988

Salem Police

(860) 859-3873, ext. 200 or 210

EMERGENCY 911

Salem Transfer Station

189 Rattlesnake Ledge Rd.

(860) 859-2964

Wed., Sat., Sun.: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Permits required – can be obtained by Salem residents at transfer station only

Animal Control Officer

Van Miller (860) 319-1306

State Senator 20th District

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State Representative 37th District

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http://blumenthal.senate.gov/contact

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http://courtney.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=148

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Our Town Salem (OTS) is a magazine published quarterly to enhance the lives of Salem residents through articles that inform, encourage and celebrate the people, activities, businesses and organizations in town. OTS is produced entirely by volunteers and is distributed free of charge thanks to the businesses, organizations and individuals who place their ads! OTS producers feel strongly that:

At its best, OTS features the people of Salem. We need your participation to be successful. We need YOU to:

- Send us a photo and caption, write a story, or give us leads on stories one of our volunteers could write!
- · Take out a personal ad to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other achievements!
- Give us leads of businesses who would like to be featured in and/or advertise in OTS.

Contact Jackie Hemond at ourtownsalemct@gmail.com or 860-859-2621.

The next deadline is November 1 for the December issue.



Volunteers Needed!

Our Town – Salem is looking for a few good volunteers to carry out the following functions:

Event Listings Coordinator

compile a comprehensive events calendar in a reader-friendly format for easy reference

Advertising Volunteer

Responsible for securing the advertising that supports the publication of *Our Town – Salem* and for carrying out related book-keeping functions.

Main responsibilities include:

- Building relationships with advertisers by mail, telephone and/or personal visits.
- Maintaining a detailed spreadsheet of all advertisers and revenue.

Please contact **Jackie Hemond**, publisher, if you would like to find out more about these positions.



All articles submitted for publication must be accompanied by the writer's name, address, and phone number so that the submission can be verified. The chairperson and her/his designee must sign articles submitted by town committees.

Our Town — Salem reserves the right to reject any articles and ads, including those of a political or partisan character; it reserves the right to edit all articles for grammar, clarity, brevity, and taste. All articles will be checked for factual content, and articles containing unattributed statements will not be accepted. Our Town—Salem is published quarterly by volunteer residents of the town of Salem. Your participation is welcomed!

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